

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of rearranging non-overlapping views (A, B, C, ...) on a computer screen (3), the method comprising the steps of:

the computer receiving a rearrangement request from a user to collectively rearrange views on the computer screen relative to an original arrangement of views,

the computer determining ~~as one or more possible~~ alternative arrangements of the views in response to the rearrangement request and selecting one possible alternative arrangement for display, and

the computer displaying the selected alternative arrangement on the screen with all views retaining their original dimensions from the original arrangement of views, and

with each successive rearrangement request, the computer selecting for display one of another possible alternative arrangement of views or the original arrangement of views.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in 1, wherein, in an alternative-view arrangement, the positions of two views have been swapped relative to the original-view arrangement of views.

4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein at least one view may be excluded from rearranging.

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of receiving a rearrangement request is carried out by the user activating a software button on the screen.

6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein all possible alternative rearrangements of the views are determined as the first rearrangement request is received, these

alternative rearrangements being stored and successively displayed whenever a rearrangement request is received.

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein, when all possible alternative arrangements have been displayed, the original arrangement is displayed again; preferably, with a message being displayed stating that all possible arrangements have been displayed.

8. (Currently Amended) A device programmed to carry out the method according to claim 1, of rearranging non-overlapping views on a display screen, the method comprising the steps of:

the device receiving a rearrangement request from a user to collectively rearrange views on the display screen relative to an original arrangement of views,

the device determining one or more possible alternative arrangements of views in response to the rearrangement request and selecting one possible alternative arrangement for display, and

the device displaying the selected alternative arrangement on the display screen with all views retaining their original dimensions from the original arrangement of views, and

with each successive rearrangement request, the device selecting for display one of another possible alternative arrangement of views or the original arrangement of views,

which the device being one of preferably is a desktop computer, a laptop computer, a palmtop computer, a PDA or an electronic organizer.

9. (Currently Amended) A software product for carrying out the method according to claim 1, computer program product embodied in a computer-readable medium for rearranging non-overlapping views on a computer screen, the computer program product resulting in a computer:

receiving a rearrangement request from a user to collectively rearrange views on the computer screen relative to an original arrangement of views,
determining one or more possible alternative arrangements of views in response to the rearrangement request and selecting one possible alternative arrangement for display,
displaying the selected alternative arrangement on the screen with all views retaining their original dimensions from the original arrangement of views, and
with each successive rearrangement request, the computer selecting for display one of another possible alternative arrangement of views or the original arrangement of views.

10. (Currently Amended) A record carrier, such as a CD-ROM, provided with a software product as claimed in claim 9, wherein the computer-readable medium is a CD-ROM, floppy disk, zip-disk or a DVD.